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Dear Parent/Carer

## Autumn Term PE and Sport Update

It has been another action-packed and highly successful term of sport at HGS, with over 600 students from Years 7 to 11 attending sports clubs each week. Across just 15 weeks, we have played 206 fixtures, 40 more than this time last year, across eight different sports – Rugby, Football, Netball, Hockey, Tennis, Cross-Country, Basketball and Cricket.

This is a testament to the commitment of our students and the hard work of HGS staff who provide so many opportunities for students to represent their school.

Some of the standout highlights this term include:

- **U18 Sports Academy Girls' Netball Team** – Winners of the regional tournament and now qualified for the Yorkshire Finals, which will take place at the English Institute of Sport after Christmas.
- **U13 Girls' Netball Team** – Successfully through to Round 4 of the Sisters in Sport Plate playing Witherington Girls schools from Manchester
- **U15 Boys' Rugby Team** – Through to the quarter-finals of the National School Bowl, following several impressive wins.
- **U16 Boys' Rugby Team** – Progressing to Round 4 of the National Schools Sports Magazine Cup. They will face Glenalmond College from Perth, Scotland, in the New Year.
- **U14 Girls' Hockey Team** – Winners of the Tier 3 Yorkshire & Northeast Championships after progressing through the regional rounds. HGS was the only state school to qualify for the finals, making this achievement even more impressive.

Well done to all students involved, and good luck to those competing in the next stages in the New Year.

## Spring Term Sports Timetable

In the spring term, we are excited to introduce Boys' Hockey for Years 8 and 9. These sessions will run on Mondays after school on the astro. We have also planned some competitive boys' hockey fixtures for the term ahead. All other clubs will remain the same until the end of the spring term.

Although there will be no after school Football club for Year 8 and 9, fixtures will continue for all boys in these year groups.

We look forward to seeing students engaging in both familiar and new sports over the coming months.

[Extra-curricular Sports Activities - Spring Term 2026](#)

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## Voluntary Contribution

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents who have already made this year's **£30 voluntary contribution**. Your support is invaluable in helping us maintain the wide range of sports and fixtures we offer.

These contributions help fund essential costs such as:

- Transport to fixtures
- Referees and officials
- Tournament and competition entry fees
- New equipment and kit
- External coaches who enhance the activities and teams already run by HGS staff

If you have not yet contributed, or if you would like to give additional support to the PE department, please make your payment via the Arbor Shop in the [Parent Portal](#) or App.

## Burns Night

A reminder that the PE Department, in collaboration with the School's PTA, is hosting a Burns Night celebration on **Saturday 7 February 2026**.

This Scottish-themed evening promises fun, laughter, and a vibrant atmosphere. This year, we are raising money to complete the renovation of the girls' changing rooms, with building works planned for summer 2026. Tickets are **£45** and can be purchased either on Arbor or via the [Burns Night ticketing website](#).

Thanks for your continued support of PE at HGS.

Yours sincerely



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Director of Sport